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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-47, "Communist Intentions and Capabilities in Asia through Mid-1953."

BACKGROUND

1. This is a major paper. Its production was authorized by the DCI, in September 1951, as a parallel to the [redacted] 25X1

SUBSTANCE

25X1 2. O-2 [redacted] Dissent"

25X1 The O-2 [redacted] proposal to describe the Soviet capability as one of "initiating and supporting a major invasion" of Japan is objected to by the Board on the ground that to the non-military reader "initiating and supporting a major invasion" means what General Eisenhower did in France.

3. State Reservations"

a. The substantive portion of the OIR reservation on Korea (paragraph 5) is similar to the OIR reservation to NIE-55/1, and the Board believes the position taken by the IAC on NIE-55/1 remains valid.

b. OIR wishes to omit the last sentence of paragraph 8. The Board believes that a false impression will be created unless the reader is warned of a possible rise in Communist political warfare capabilities beyond the period of the estimate.

c. OIR believes conclusion 10 is a truism; the Board feels it desirable to point out that the Chinese Communists will concentrate on building up their military potential for further advance in Asia. 25X1

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d. The Board believes the OIR proposed new conclusion 10, that Communist power and influence in Asia will not significantly increase, is unnecessary and is probably too optimistic, and advises against its inclusion.

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